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Addendum

V. Technical assistance

1. The secretariat provided a general overview of how the Implementation Review Mechanism had impacted the provision of technical assistance by defining needs and creating new opportunities for technical cooperation. The importance of the provision of technical assistance to support the efforts of States to implement the recommendations of the reviews was stressed.

2. The secretariat provided an oral update on technical assistance needs identified through the individual country review processes that had been finalized since the resumed fifth session of the Group. In total, needs for technical assistance had been identified in 59 out of the 97 executive summaries that have been completed. An overview was presented of the numbers of States per region and the types of needs identified. Attention was drawn to the predefined categories of technical assistance needs contained in the self-assessment checklist and how these could be grouped to give a better indication of the typologies of assistance that were required. The secretariat further highlighted recent trends in the needs identified per article of the Convention.

3. A panel discussion was held to facilitate the Group's deliberations. A panellist from the Brazilian Federal Prosecution Service's International Cooperation Unit presented on the cooperation currently underway with the Prosecution Service of Sao Tome and Principe, which was based on the findings of the review of Sao Tome and Principe. She outlined that support provided through the cooperation project ranged from training programmes, development of practical manuals to the provision of books, computers and electronic equipment. Brazil further reported that similar cooperation was being provided to Cabo Verde, Cuba and Mozambique.

4. A panellist from the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission explained that he had been part of the group of experts that was involved in the implementation

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review of Palau. Subsequent to this, and in cooperation with the secretariat, Malaysia was engaged to support Palau's preparation of the draft Self-Assessment Checklist (CAC/COSP/2013/3) for Chapter II of the Convention. Their knowledge of the Palauan legislation and relevant stakeholders, drawn from their participation in the review of Palau was of great benefit to this process.

5. A panellist from Micronesia (Federated States of) presented on how the Micronesian Government had embedded a legal specialist within the Department of Justice to ensure follow up and coordination of the efforts to address the findings of their review. The panellist also highlighted how the specific challenges of Small Island Developing States had impacted their capacity to effectively implement national anti-corruption reforms. She stressed that the Implementation Review Mechanism and the support provided by the secretariat, both before and after the review, had allowed Micronesia to make significant progress in addressing such challenges and in fighting corruption. Assistance had included legislative drafting support as well as a host of training events for judges, prosecutors and investigators.

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